

1 **pH ENHANCED MEAT COMPOSITION AND METHOD**
2 **FOR PRODUCING A pH ENHANCED MEAT COMPOSITION**

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5 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

6 A pH enhanced meat composition is produced by increasing the moisture content of an
7 initial comminuted meat composition and producing an ammonium hydroxide solution in the
8 comminuted meat composition. Mechanical action is preferably applied to the moisture
9 enhanced meat composition after or concurrently with producing the ammonium hydroxide
10 solution in the composition. The resulting pH enhanced meat product may then be formed into
11 a desired shape and set in that shape by cooking or some other setting technique.